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Kuwait speaks on Eritrean behalf

KUWAIT, May 23 (Agencies). — Kuwait appealed to the Soviet Union today to bring pressure on the Marxist Ethiopian government to end its military operations against guerrillas in its Eritrea Province and to recognise their right to self-determination. Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah told newsmen he summoned the Soviet ambassador and informed him his government felt the Soviet Union had a responsibility to do this as a super-power. "I told the ambassador that Kuwait feels that the Soviet Union, as a super-power, bears the responsibility of bringing pressure on the Ethiopians to halt their attack on Eritrea, and to enable the Eritrean people to exercise their right of self-determination," Sheikh Sabah said.

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New Red Brigades hideout found

ROME, May 23 (AP). — A Red Brigades hideout has been discovered in the nearby beach town of Ostia during an extensive search for the killers, of former Italian Premier Aldo Moro, police reported today. Police said that they found nobody in the hideout, whose exact location was not disclosed. They said, however, they had found important material connected with the activities of Italy's most feared urban guerrilla organisation. The operation took place during the night and followed a raid last week on a Rome print shop believed to have been used in preparing communiques during the 55-day imprisonment of Moro, who was found slain May 9. The discovery of the print shop led to the arrest of five persons including its owner.

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No Palestinians were involved in attack on Orly, says PLO

UWAIT, May 23 (Agencies). — A representative of the PLO's Liberation Organisation said in a statement published here today that Palestinians were involved in Saturday's attack on Orly Airport in Paris on the passengers of an Israeli airliner.

The PLO's Paris representative, 'Ezzeddin Kalak, told the daily Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba that information released by French authorities did not indicate that Palestinians had taken part in the attack, which three gunmen and a French policeman were killed. Mr. Kalak said the PLO opposed such attacks. "It supports armed struggle inside Israeli-occupied Arab lands and has already denounced external operations," he said.

He said the attack was followed by an anti-Palestinian press campaign aimed at "deflecting from the just struggle of the Palestinian people and the reputation of the PLO and trying to undermine good relations between the PLO and France," he said.

Al Anba also said in a report from Paris that the gunmen who carried out the attack belonged to the Communist Action Organisation in Lebanon (CAOL).

A hitherto unknown group calling itself the Organisation of the Sons of South Lebanon has claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement issued in Beirut.

The Kuwaiti newspaper said information available to French police indicated that this group was formed by the CAOL.

Meanwhile, in Beirut, a Lebanese Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday expressed the ministry's regret for the Orly Airport incident.

The spokesman added: "The ministry strongly condemns this hostile action against a friendly country, namely France, and considers that it is, in the first place, aimed at causing harm to Lebanon and its security at a time France is participating in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon which is helping the Lebanese government re-establish its authority in southern Lebanon."

The Lebanese daily newspaper Al Safir said yesterday that one of the gunmen killed during Saturday's airport operation was a 25-year old southern Lebanese called Mahmoud 'Awrad.

In a separate development, four men who said they wanted to avenge the three gunmen in the Orly Airport shooting were arrested in Beirut today, during an abortive hand grenade attack against the French Embassy.

Eighteen other alleged members of a group planning other attacks also were seized, police said in Beirut.

Police said the four men, arrested before they could make their attack on the embassy, admitted they planned the attack in revenge for the shooting of fellow gunmen at Orly Airport on Saturday.

The four gunmen revealed they belong to Beirut group that allegedly was planning a chain of assassination, looting and terror operations against undisclosed targets, officials said.

At sun up, security forces attacked the network, rounding up 18 more persons, including three women, in various apartment hideouts around Beirut. Security officers said quantities of explosives and firearms were captured in these hideouts.



His Majesty King Hussein and Miss Noor Halaby meet members of the press at the gardens of the Royal Palace in Amman on Tuesday. (JNA photo)

King to wed June 15

AMMAN, May 23 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein announced today that his wedding to Miss Noor Halaby will take place on June 15.

The King's announcement was made during a press conference at the gardens of the Royal Palace this evening.

King Hussein said he and Miss Halaby will be married "as Moslems, Hashemites and Arabs."

Prince Hassan King witnesses flies to Poland army manoeuvres

WARSAW, May 23 (Agencies). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Sarvath arrived here today for an official visit to Poland at the invitation of the Polish Council of State to discuss avenues of cooperation in technical and economic fields between the two countries.

Prince Hassan's trip will also include a one-day visit to Vienna, at the invitation of Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, as well as to deliver the opening speech at the Arab-European Symposium on Trade Cooperation in Montreux, Switzerland.

Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath were seen off at Amman Airport today by the prime minister, the chief of the Royal Court, the court minister and other top officials including the Polish and Swiss charges d'affaires and Austria's honorary consul in Amman.

AMMAN, May 23 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein today witnessed military exercises, with live ammunition, by the Third Royal Armoured Brigade. The King later met with the officers and soldiers who took part in the manoeuvres, which had started five days ago, and addressed them saying they stand at the confrontation line and must always be ready to do their duty in defence of the land and of justice until Arab Jerusalem and occupied territories return to Arab sovereignty.

WHO resolution condemns Israel

GENEVA, May 23 (R). — Israel faced a possible threat to its voting rights in the World Health Organisation (WHO) today after being condemned by the agency for alleged inhuman treatment of Arabs in the occupied territories.

The expected condemnation at WHO's Annual Assembly was carried by 70 to 22 votes with 22 abstentions and followed a committee's approval of the resolution yesterday.

The voting rights threat came in a passage saying members should consider applying against Israel measures stipulated in the agency's Constitution.

Conference sources said this referred to an article allowing for the suspension of a member's vote in exceptional circumstances.

Circumstances cited by the resolution were Israeli measures changing the structure of the Arab territories it occupies and "arbitrary practices affecting the physical, social and psychological health" of Arabs there.

Arab, African and socialist states pushed through the resolution against opposition from the United States, Canada, Australia, N.Z., Zealand and most West European countries. At least nine Latin American states abstained. There was no debate.

The resolution said a three-man team visited occupied territories for 12 days last month.

It acknowledged the team was unable fully to determine health conditions as its stay was short and statistics were lacking -- but it said the study should continue.

The team, from Senegal, Romania and Indonesia, reported to the assembly that prisoners in the territories were overcrowded and that Israeli occupation appeared to be inhibiting normal Arab life.

In a statement later, the Israeli delegation criticised the report as a "basically political document", omitting or belittling many "outstanding improvements and achievements" in the health system of the territories.

Is Israel planning war on Saudi Arabia?

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 23 (R). — Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said in a message last night to President Carter that the planned sale of American warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt was an obstacle to the Middle East peace process.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said the message, sent in reply to a letter from President Carter last week after the Senate approved the deal, underlined the "gravity with which Israel regarded the development."

Israel regarded the supply of modern warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt as a "direct threat to its security" and called for a reassessment of Israel's defence requirements, the official said.

In his message, President Carter was believed to have reassured the Israelis of America's continuing commitment to Israel's defence needs.

Earlier, a senior military source in Tel Aviv said the country's military planners believed the proposed sale to Saudi Arabia upset the balance of power in the Middle East and made the kingdom a confrontation state.

"This means we will have to assign forces to neutralise it (Saudi Arabia) in case of war and will have to consider if a pre-emptive strike is necessary if the situation requires it," he said.

The United States Senate last week approved President Carter's decision to supply Saudi Arabia with 60 F-15s fighters as part of a weapons package to three Middle East countries.

Under the deal Egypt gets 50 warplanes and Israel 90.

The source told reporters at a briefing yesterday that the impact of the sale to Saudi Arabia would be "overwhelming for Israel's security and strategy."

"It upsets the delicate balance of power in the region and makes Saudi Arabia a confrontation state," he said.

The source said delivery of the planes also greatly increased the importance of Israel's air bases in northern Sinai.

French troops find more dead in Zaire

PARIS, May 23 (R). — French troops have found the bodies of 20 more Europeans, 12 of them children, massacred in the southern Zaire rebel town of Kolwezi, the Defence Ministry said today. The corpses were discovered yesterday when the Foreign Legionnaires also rescued a terrified and starving group of white women and children roaming the bush outside the town, a spokesman said.

The dead Europeans were found by troops combing looted villas in the European quarter of Kolwezi which was attacked on May 13 by rebels opposed to President Mobutu Sese Seko's government.

French officials put the white death toll at about 200 and said some 70 French nationals and other Europeans were missing.

The identities and nationalities of the latest massacre victims were not disclosed. But the spokesman said the murdered children did not appear to be those of the adults killed with them.

The women and children who fled into the bush, were found about 12 kms. outside Kolwezi where the French troops were parachuted last Friday.

Meanwhile, French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing said here tonight that the French para-troopers sent to Zaire to rescue the Europeans will return to base as soon as they have traced those still listed as missing.

Mr. Giscard d'Estaing told a press conference after a two-day Franco-African summit here: "The para-troop unit sent to Kolwezi will return to its base as soon as it has completed its task of tracing missing people."

The French president said the Zaire government would be informed in advance of the troops' departure so that it could take the necessary measures to ensure security in the region.

So far there was no final count on the number of Africans killed by the rebels nor of rebel losses in combat. But several French newspapers quoted Foreign Legion officers as saying they had killed over 350 rebels for the loss of only two Legionnaires.

Defence Ministry spokesman, meanwhile, categorically rejected accusations levelled by two Belgian officers at Kamina who said unruly French troops shot five Rhodesians and a Belgian. The officers were with Belgian forces which helped evacuate 2,000 whites from Kolwezi last week after the town was recaptured.

The Franco-Belgian controversy on the rescue operation was still apparently lively. The newspaper Le Monde today said Foreign Legion officers in Kolwezi were nearly openly accusing Belgian troops of having spread alarmist rumours among the town's Europeans to incite them to leave in spite of the presence of French troops.

The whites departure meant normal production of copper in the area was now extremely difficult and this was a reason for Zaire President Mobutu's attack this week on Belgian Foreign Minister Henri Simonet, Le Monde reported.

French Foreign Legionnaires, guided by helicopter, were today mounting search-and-destroy missions against rebels on the outskirts of Kolwezi.

Inside Kolwezi there was a new threat to the town cholera.

Red Cross officials said an epidemic could break out at any time following the eight-day occupation by rebels and the fighting to regain the town's takeover.

Bodies rotting in the unrelenting African sun still lay on the streets and water supplies, power and communications remained cut off.

U.N. forces in Lebanon hamper commando action, says Palestinian leader

BAHRAIN, May 23 (R). — A Palestinian commando leader said here today the presence of United Nations peace-keeping forces in southern Lebanon hampered commando activity against Israel but the guerrillas did not wish to clash with the U.N. troops.

The Gulf representative of Fateh, the biggest Palestinian commando group, Salim Za'noun, also told reporters the U.N. had no power to abrogate an agreement regulating the Palestinian armed presence in Lebanon, which was concluded in Cairo in 1969 between Lebanese authorities and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Mr. Za'noun was commenting on reported statements by the Commander of the U.N. troops Emmanuel Erskine that the Cairo agreement contradicted U.N. Security Council Resolution 425, which set up the peace-keeping force following the mid-March invasion of south Lebanon by Israeli forces.

The resolution entrusted the multi-nation force with overseeing an Israeli withdrawal from the south and helping the Lebanese government re-establish control over the region.

"The U.N. commander and the U.N. have no right to offer such interpretations," Mr. Za'noun said.

The Fateh leader said Israeli and unnamed parties in Lebanon were trying to divert U.N. troops from their specific mission of supervising the Israeli evacuation.

"As a result, we are suffering from all sorts of conspiracies. But we refuse to clash with the U.N. troops."

He said that if a clash appeared likely, the PLO would first go to the United Nations Security Council where, with the help of Arab and other allies, it would try "to ensure that these troops adhere to their task of overseeing the Israeli withdrawal," he said.

The presence of U.N. troops "renders the duty of the Palestinian revolution in fighting the Zionist enemy harder and more difficult. But we will have to overcome this obstacle, because nothing is impossible to the revolution," Mr. Za'noun said.

United Nations Under Secretary Robert Guyer completed a tour of Syria, Lebanon and Israel today and flew back to New York to report to Secretary General Kurt Waldheim on the situation in south Lebanon.

He told reporters before his departure from Ludd Airport that he had positive talks with Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and said the Israeli decision to evacuate south Lebanon by June 13 was "a very positive development."

The senior U.N. official said in reply to a question that the United Nations Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL) would be ready by that date for the Israeli withdrawal.

Inter-rightist clash

In a separate development, Lebanese police today said six people were killed in the Lebanese coastal town of Batroun, north of Beirut, in a night clash between Christian rightist militias or their supporters.

They reported that a gang of men in a car opened fire on a roadside cafe, causing the casualties.

According to the same police sources, the victims were either members or supporters of the extremist rightwing Guardians of the Cedars group. The attackers were believed to be members of the Phalangists.

The incident was the latest clash involving rightwing militias. Earlier this month, two civilians and a gunman were killed and several others wounded in a clash between the Phalangists and the National Liberals in a Beirut suburb.

World News Roundup

Filipino rebels free 56 hostages

LAMBOANGA CITY, Philippines, May 23 (R). — Moslem rebels today freed 56 hostages they had been holding in wild country in Basilan Island after hijacking a ferryboat 23 days ago, the military announced here. Most of the hostages, men, women and children were in good health, but at least one woman was asphyxiated and another wounded when they were first captured, Southern Commander Rear Admiral Romulo Espaldon told a press briefing. Admiral Espaldon said the rebels had released the hostages because of pursuing government troops.

Curfew still on at W. Bank camp

TEL AVIV, May 23 (R). — The 'Askar Palestinian refugee camp in the occupied West Bank was today under total curfew for the third day as Israeli security forces searched for attackers of an Israeli police vehicle last week. The curfew was lifted for two hours this morning to enable families to replenish food stocks.

Polish-Israeli relations improve?

BAGHDAD, May 23 (R). — An Iraqi government newspaper today expressed concern over what it described as a serious change in Poland's attitude towards Israel. Al Jumhuriya said a major celebration last month marking the 35th anniversary of the ghetto uprising in Warsaw, the reception by the Polish head of state of an Israeli delegation the next day and the attitude of Polish news media at the time had injured the feelings of the Arabs. "This indicates a serious change in the attitude of the Polish government towards the racist Zionist entity even though Poland was one of the socialist states which had severed relations with that entity since the June 5, 1967 aggression," the paper said.

Guerrillas attack in Rhodesia

WEDZA, Rhodesia, May 23 (AP). — Nationalist guerrillas attacked the police station in this remote Rhodesian outpost in an apparently successful effort to frighten spectators from a political rally led by white Prime Minister Ian Smith. There were no casualties or heavy damage in the rifle and mortar attack, but one police officer said: "It would be enough to get the message through." Mr. Smith, Rev. Ndabanihi Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, members of Rhodesia's ruling Executive Council came to Wedza to promote an agreement designed to bring about rule by Rhodesia's moderate blacks by Dec. 31. The fourth member of the interim government, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, is boycotting all joint public meetings in protest at last month's sacking of one of his black co-ministers, Byron Hove.

Fire destroys 3 oil tanks in Kuwait

KUWAIT, May 23 (R). — Fire destroyed three huge oil tanks southwest of here, sources at the state-owned Kuwait Oil Company said today. The tanks contained 50,000 barrels of oil but no one was injured in the blaze which also damaged two pipelines before firefighters brought the flames under control. The fire broke out last night at Al Managheesh, about 80 kms. from here, near the border with Saudi Arabia. Authorities are still investigating, but the sources said the fire was started by a technical failure.

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Jordan's phosphate production rises, revenues fall but solid increase is in sight by end of this year

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 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 23 — Jordan's production and export of raw phosphate rock rose slightly for the third year in a row in 1977, but revenues declined, according to figures released here this month by the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company, Ltd.

Last year's production was 1,771,000 tons compared to 1,701,800 tons in 1976, and exports totalled 1,794,000 tons compared to 1,653,142 in 1976. But revenues from phosphate sales last year were JD

18,936 million, which is a drop from the 1976 revenues of JD 20,694 million. This sluggish revenues performance also represents the second consecutive year that revenues from phosphate sales have dropped slightly, as the 1976 total of JD 20,694 was lower than the 1975 figure of JD 21.2 million.

Last year's revenues represent an average sales price of \$33 per ton of phosphate rock, which is also a decline over the previous two years. The 1976 average price was \$39 a ton, and the 1975 price was \$59 a ton.

The anomaly of declining revenues at a time of rising

exports is of course explained by the continued slow deterioration in the price of internationally traded phosphate rock, and, in terms of revenues, Jordan has been in the situation over the past three years of running faster and faster to stay in the same spot.

Informed industry sources, however, say the price of phosphates has levelled out at last, and it will hold steady for the coming years. Given the upswing in Jordan's international marketing effort this year, this means that revenues this year will probably show a solid increase in real

terms, for the first time in three years.

An interesting aspect of Jordan's phosphate exports is the pattern of sales by geographic areas. The most dramatic movement is the continued sharp increase in sales to South Asia and the Far East, while sales to Eastern Europe have declined slightly after rising steadily for many years.

The Asian market is the long-term growth area for Jordanian phosphates, industry sources say, with East Europe the second most important area. This is substantiated by last year's sales trend.

Exports to south and west

Asia accounted for the biggest single share of total phosphate sales, at 724,000 tons, with India's purchase of 378,000 being the single biggest market, followed by Turkey (142,000) and Lebanon (89,000).

The total south and west Asia sales figure of 724,000 tons is a hefty rise from the 1976 figure of 393,445 tons.

The second biggest regional market last year was the Far East, ringing up a total of 502,000 tons compared to 352,000 the previous year.

The biggest customers were Taiwan (245,000 tons) and Japan (218,000). Taiwan's purchases of 245,000 tons of phosphates represent an increase over the 1976 total of 154,000 tons, and indicate that the growth of Taiwanese purchases over the previous five years will apparently not be affected by the break in diplomatic relations. Taiwan's purchases have risen annually, from the figure of 48,400 tons bought in 1972.

Sales to East Europe dropped from 635,775 tons in 1976 to 455,000 tons last year, with the biggest buyers being Romania (195,000 tons) and Po-

land (180,000). The rest of the sales of Jordanian phosphates went to Western Europe, with Italy and France each taking 49,000 tons, and 15,000 tons sold to the sole African buyer, Tanzania.

Part of the shift in the geographical distribution of sales is accounted for by a close understanding on marketing with Morocco, the world's leading exporter of phosphates. It seems, for instance, that the rise in Jordanian sales to India is offset by Jordan's dropping out of the market in Great Britain.

This close coordination in marketing strategy between Jordan and Morocco follows the breakdown last year of the informal association of phosphate exporters that was established in 1974 among Morocco, Jordan, Tunisia, Senegal, Togo and Algeria. Algeria and Togo had dropped out of the arrangement early last year, and the Tunisians and Senegalese followed suit soon after, leaving Morocco and Jordan as the only two phosphate exporters with any coordination in their international sales efforts.

And now, a few months of confusion

The Middle East is in for a period of some confusion now, given the Israeli reaction to the American Congress' approval last week of President Carter's plan to sell fighter planes to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel. To put it in terms that will be familiar to Mr. Carter himself, what we can expect now from the Israelis is the moral equivalent of the New Hampshire primary. That is, the Israelis are bouncing around now like a bunch of pingpong balls in a wind tunnel, unsure of where they are going and who is their enemy. They have been stung by the Congress' approval of the arms package, and they are acting in the same manner that a candidate for the American presidency reacts during the New Hampshire primary. They say many things that will be forgotten six months down the road.

There are open threats from the Israelis to attack Saudi Arabia, which, incidentally, would be an interesting topic to discuss when those U.S. congressional subcommittees ponder how the great ally Israel is helping to fight communism and radicalism around the Middle East. Beating up the Saudi Arabians is hardly conducive to spreading moderation.

There are also open attacks by Israeli leaders against the credibility and intentions of the United States in the Middle East. Coupled with routine threats and attacks from the Arabs, this must make the Americans believe they are doing something right, if everybody is against them all of a sudden.

There are calls to move ahead with the Israeli development of an advanced fighter-bomber to equal or better the F-15, with the parallel aim, no doubt, besides making Israel self-sufficient in fancy airplanes, of selling the new plane to friendly democracies such as South Africa?

There is talk about retaining the air bases Israel has in the occupied Sinai, and of reviewing the asinine Begin proposals for "home rule" in the West Bank and Gaza.

In short, the Israelis are in a period of extraordinary confusion. They're so confused, they're even leaving south Lebanon. Mr. Carter is probably not used to this kind of spectacle, and he may be perplexed himself by some of the things being said by Israeli leaders. Our advice to him and the rest of the world is to sit back, think of those cold winter mornings in New Hampshire, and remember that the moral equivalent of a primary election campaign is not the moral equivalent of very much at all. It is a stage one has to pass through, like a child through adolescence.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I Tuesday editorially said Israel is trying to aggravate the situation following the sale of American warplanes to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, waving the sale in the face of the American administration as an excuse to shift to the shoulders of the administration the responsibility for any ensuing military or political development.

In a cable to President Jimmy Carter, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin stressed the "seriousness" of the aircraft transaction, considering it as an obstacle on the road to peace and appealing to him to maintain the balance of power in the Middle East.

Al Ra'i goes on to say that the aim of Mr. Begin's telegram, according to observers, is to procrastinate as long as possible in giving an answer to Washington's questions on Israel's final stand concerning the future of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. This is a blatant attempt to delay the expected American initiative until the autumn, time for the U.S. Congressional elections, Al Ra'i adds.

As for Arab circles, they strongly think that the Israeli government is facing a real dilemma in replying to the American questions because they centre on the issue of sovereignty of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, at a time when Israel is trying to legalise the annexation of the two occupied areas.

Thus, the newspaper adds, Israel found in the aircraft deal a convenient opportunity to "re-concentrate on its security needs in the light of the supply of aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Egypt, although the transaction had not, in any way, affected the balance of power which is still tipped in Israel's favour."

The potential danger of the aircraft deal lies in the possibility that Israel might be succeeding in hindering any effort towards peace, and not, as Begin alleges, in that it undermines the balance of power between the Arabs and Israel, the newspaper says.

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Israeli officials backtrack on statements about planned expropriation of Arab lands

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 23 (R). — The Israeli government today repudiated reports that it planned to seize private Arab land to build six big settlements for Jews on the West Bank.

But West Bank residents, led by Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, insisted that Israeli occupation authorities had since last month frozen all private transactions in land owned by Arabs living abroad.

They called on the government to set up an inquiry to investigate the issue of absentee owners' land in the West Bank.

Government sources yesterday told reporters the Israeli administration was planning to expropriate large areas of West Bank land to allow the building of six towns to house about 160,000 Jewish settlers.

But today, the same sources said there was no truth in the story.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, the minister responsible for administering occupied Arab territories, later said there were no plans for any mass expropriation of land.

He told a Knesset committee there had been no change in Israeli policy toward land belonging to absentee Arab owners.

The conflicting official accounts appeared to signal a behind-scenes dispute over the merits of publishing ambitious settlement plans at a time of growing friction on this issue between Israel and the outside world.

Ultra-nationalist groups and their backers in the cabinet are keen on pressing ahead as quickly as possible with large scale settlement. Other ministers are known to be worried at the prospect of further damaging Israeli-U.S. relations.

West Bank residents have recently complained that land belonging to Arabs living abroad has been fenced off by Israeli authorities. One group of residents has asked the Israeli Supreme Court to stop this.

Mr. Freij told reporters:

"About 70 to 80 per cent of the land in this area is owned by people living in south and central America. For the last 11 years (since the 1967 war) we have been able to carry out land transactions on their behalf."

Then on April 12 the Custodian of Absentee Property (an Israeli official) told us he had new instructions not to accept power-of-attorney or to authorise any transactions concerning land considered to be abandoned."

Mr. Freij went on "I told the custodian that his actions breached Ordinance No. 55. But he told me he had received new instructions from his superior."

"I wrote to the government but received no reply. We hear about these denials but they are worth nothing. There is a very sinister political motive behind this."

Officials at the custodian's office declined to discuss the matter. A military government spokesman said he knew nothing about any change of policy towards land.

Most of the land used for previous settlements was owned before the Jordanian government before the 1967 war. Israeli authorities reserve the right to use this land for settlement or any other purpose.

Cabinet Secretary Arye Naor told Reuters: "Government policy does not permit expropriation of land for settlement purposes. A settlement can be established only on land formerly owned by the Jordanian government or on land that has no owner."

Mr. Naor said the government's settlement plans excluded even unowned land cultivated by Arab villagers.

"Not even one square meter was expropriated since the present government (of Prime Minister Menachem Begin) was established a year ago," Mr. Naor said.

The secretary also denied press reports which said the government would recognise the so called archaeological digging at Shiloh as a Jewish settlement.

The presence of members of the fanatical Gush Emunim (Faith Bloc) settler movement at Shiloh during the recent peace negotiations with Egypt has drawn sharp criticism from the United States administration.

Gush Emunim leader Hanan Porat told Reuters today that his movement did not advocate settlement on confiscated land as "We all want to live in good neighbourly relations with the Arabs."

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Qasr Al Abd, monument to the "foolishness" of a Hellenistic prince?

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AMMAN. - Archaeologists have been mystified as to the use and purpose of Qasr Al Abd over since its impressive ruins were rediscovered by explorers in the last century.

It has now been suggested by Prof. Ernest Will, codirector of the current archaeological work at the site, that it was in fact a "foolishness of a prince."

Located in Wadi Seer, west of Amman, the site is known as Arak Al Amir (Caverns of the Prince) from the caves in the hillsides above. Inscribed in Hebrew on the face of the caves is the name "Tobiah". It is believed that this was the name of the Persian-appointed governor of the Ammonites in the 3rd century B.C. He was a Jew, one of a family known to have been established in Jordan at the end of the 5th century B.C.

The Qasr is thought to have been built by the grandson of this Tobiah, one Hyrcanus, in about 175 B.C. Hyrcanus is said to have quarrelled with his half brothers in Jerusalem and retired to Arak Al Amir where he built a "strong" fortress. This was described by Josephus, writing in the 1st century A.D., as built "entirely of white stone to the very roof, and had animals of a prodigious magnitude engraved upon it."

The ruins of the Qasr are currently being excavated and

recorded by a team of French archaeologists and other experts, in conjunction with the Jordanian Department of Antiquities under Dr. Fawzi Zayadine. Their ultimate aim is to produce detailed information as to the original structure and appearance of the building so that it can perhaps be restored by the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities as a touristic site. It is unique in Jordan as there are few other major buildings here of the Hellenistic period (331-63 B.C.).

Earlier archaeological work by the American School of Oriental Research established that the building was destroyed by an earthquake in 365 A.D. and that its earliest Hellenistic occupation was in the early second century B.C. However, later occupations of the Byzantine period (330-640 A.D.) inside the walls made it difficult to establish the original plan and purpose of the building.

The American archaeologist F. W. Albright thought that it was perhaps the mausoleum of the Tobiad family. Mr. Peter Parr, director of the American excavations in the early 1960s, concluded that it had a religious purpose and was perhaps a temple.

Prof. Will, Director of the French Institute of Archaeology in the Near East at Beirut, believes that Josephus is correct and the building was indeed a palace built by a prince. Prof. Will described it

as a "foolishness" similar to the grand ideas of "little Hellenistic princes in Turkey", and to be compared in concept with the romanticism of 18th century princes in Europe. However he has come to the conclusion, also reached by Mr. Parr, that the building was never finished.

It appears that the Hellenistic structure had no floors

The French Institute of Archaeology in the Near East established an office in Amman in October last year. It is located on Jabal Luweibdeh at the French Cultural Centre, and is manned by architect Francois Larché most afternoons.

The Friends of Archaeology have arranged a tour to Arak Al Amir on Friday May 26 to be guided by M. Larché.

or pavement, indicating that a more or less empty shell was left for later occupation by the Byzantines. Very little Hellenistic pottery has been found, substantiating the idea that the palace was never completed or fully occupied in Hellenistic times.

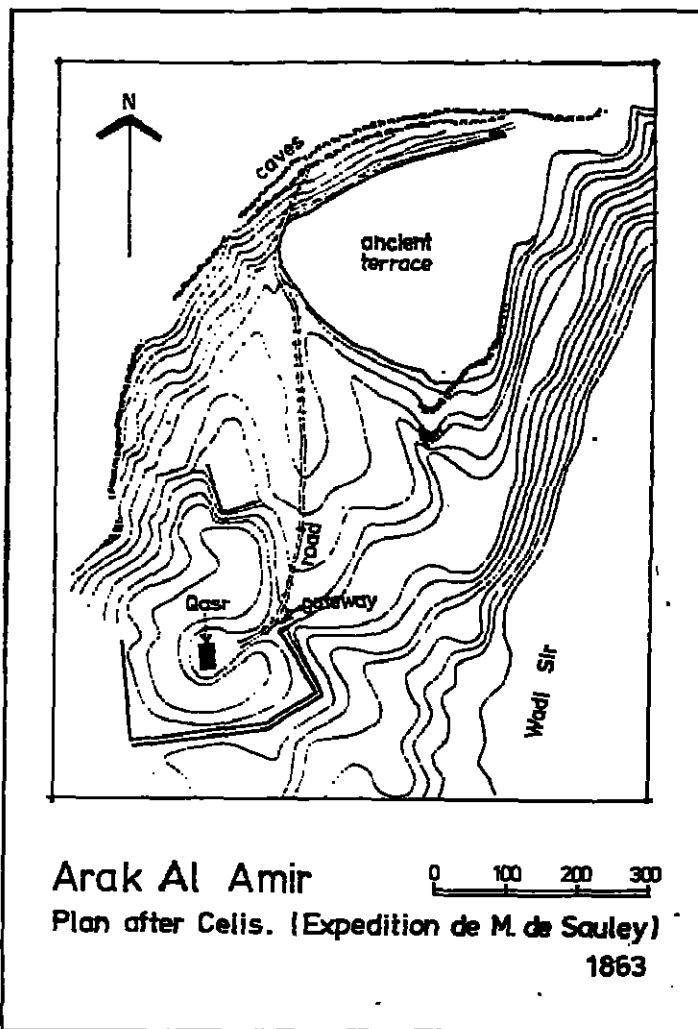
Hyrcanus is said to have committed suicide in fear of the new King Antiochus of Syria from whom he expected punishment for his harsh treatment of the Arabs. Perhaps this is the reason why the palace was never finished.

The work of excavation and recording is made extremely difficult by the huge size of the stones - sometimes six metres long by three metres high and weighing up to 25 tons. However the blocks are often not more than half a metre thick and the high ratio of the height of the block to its thickness no doubt contributed to its instability and collapse at the time of the earthquake.

Prof. Will pointed out to me the collapsed west wall, the blocks now lying horizontally in the same relationship as when they had once stood vertically. It is possible to recognise the base course, the window openings and the lintel and cornice. However the huge size and weight of the stones will make hoisting them back into their original positions a difficult operation. Even turning the stones over to investigate whether there is any carving on the other side requires the use of a crane. It was in this way last

year that Prof. Will's team discovered the huge, stone-carved lioness, now standing for all to see around to the northwest of the ruins. It had lain face down since the earthquake and was thus protected and preserved from the weather.

Carved lions decorated the stonework between the ground and first stories. The rough-



Map showing the relationship of the Qasr to its enclosure wall, access road and the caves. The road from Wadi Seer now ends at the Qasr. (Map by Susan Balderstone)

times the site has been important both agriculturally and for its role in the economy of the area.

Dr. Dentzer is excavating the main gate in the wall enclosing the site in order to get the date of the beginning of the settlement. He also aims to reconstruct the doorway on paper once excavation leads to an understanding of the way in which it was built, and exposed the fallen stones which once formed its lintel and entablature. Pieces of the cornice and two large blocks on which the remains of lion sculptures can be discerned have been found.

Hyrcanus' palace is described by Josephus as having vast gardens and running waters and Dr. Dentzer believes this is not inconsistent with

what his team has found. However, he suggests that the enclosure wall was to protect the planting and agriculture rather than serve as a fortification. From the main gate a ramp followed the position of the present road and led up to the hillside caves. This was then an internal road as the main road from the valley to Amman followed a different route.

According to Josephus, it was in the caves that Hyrcanus set up his living quarters, some were "many furlongs in length." The entrance was however very narrow, "for his own preservation, lest he should be besieged by his brethren."

Dr. Dentzer hopes to excavate one of the caves in a future season.



Professor Will (left) and architect Monsieur Larché stand beside the lioness sculpture discovered last year.



One of the column capitals from the upper level.



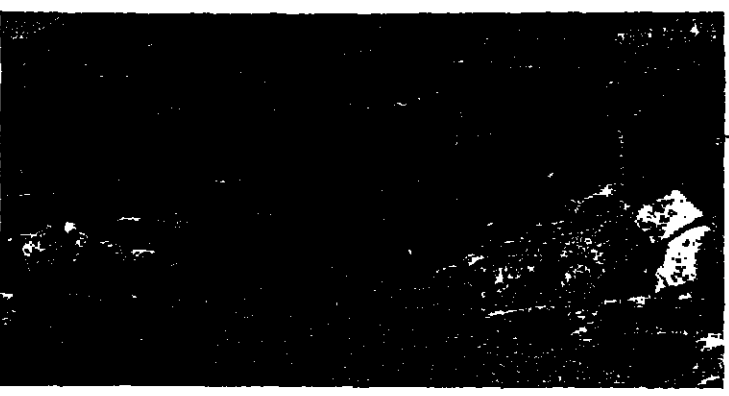
The stone-carved lioness discovered last year.



Dr. Dentzer (right) and his assistant Monsieur Villeneuve at the gateway currently being excavated in the enclosure wall.



The lion fountain to the right of the east entrance.



Crane and earthscoop at work at the ruins. Lion forms can be seen roughed out on the upper stones.

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Finance ministers of OPEC hold talks on international funds

VIENNA, May 23 (AP). — The finance ministers of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) opened a heavily-guarded meeting here today with an agenda that did not include a discussion of the U.S. dollar.

The agenda instead provided for talks on several international funds "as far as they affect OPEC," Hamid Zaheri, the OPEC Information Chief told reporters.

They were the Common Fund for future price stabilization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mr. Zaheri said the finance ministers would definitely make no decision on whether to

maintain the dollar as the unit of payment for OPEC oil or shift oil-pricing denominations to three different baskets of currencies, in view of the dollar fluctuation.

"This concerns the OPEC oil ministers," Mr. Zaheri said. The oil ministers were scheduled to meet next in Geneva, Switzerland, on June 17.

A discussion of the dollar fluctuation was not ruled out completely, however. It could be raised among "other points" that might come up in the meeting, especially since in addition to the finance ministers, the OPEC delegations here included several heads of central banks.

If it does, the best the finance ministers could do under their limited authority on the

Shah says oil price must rise eventually

BUDAPEST, May 23 (R). — The Shah of Iran, a key supporter of a oil price freeze for this year, said yesterday petroleum prices must rise eventually to correspond with other energy sources.

Speaking to reporters after talks here with Hungarian communist leader Janos Kadar, the Shah said Iran would have run out of oil by the end of the century and hoped to replace it before then with other advanced industries.

Iran and Saudi Arabia, the two biggest oil producers in OPEC, campaigned successfully last year to freeze OPEC prices for at least the first six months of 1978. The issue will be reviewed by a meeting of OPEC oil ministers in Geneva next month.

Issue was to submit a recommendation to the oil ministers or a paper with their ideas. As to the price of oil, any discussion of this was ruled out completely as far as the OPEC finance ministers were concerned.

How U.S. senators voted on arms deal

Editor's note: The following list is a breakdown of the U.S. Senate rollcall vote on the plane sales to the Middle East. The deal was approved May 16 with 54 votes in favour, 44 against and two votes not cast. The Jordan Times is printing the list for those who might be interested in knowing how each senator voted on the deal.

Voting for the sales: (54)

Abourezk, Baker, Bartlett, Bellmon, Bentsen, Bumpers, Byrd, Harry F., Jr., Byrd, Robert C., Cannon, Chafee, Culver, Curtis, Danforth, Eagleton, Eastland, Garn, Glenn, Goldwater, Gravel, Griffin, Hansen, Hatch, Hatfield, Paul G., Hayakawa, Helms, Hodges, Hollings, Humphrey, Inouye, Johnston, Leahy, Long, Lugar, Magnuson, Mathias, McClure, McGovern, Morgan, Muskie, Pearson, Percy, Randolph, Ribicoff, Schmidt, Scott, Sparkman, Stafford, Stennis, Stevens, Stevenson, Thurmond, Tower,

Wallop and Young.

Voting against the sales: (44)

Allen, Anderson, Bayh, Biden, Brooke, Burdick, Case, Chiles, Church, Clark, Cranston, DeLoach, Dole, Domenici, Durkin, Ford, Hart, Haskell, Hatfield, Mark O., Hathaway, Heinz, Jackson, Javits, Kennedy, Matsunaga, McIntyre, Meacham, Metzenbaum, Moynihan, Nelson, Nunn, Packwood, Pell, Proxmire, Riegle, Roth, Sarbanes, Sasser, Schweiker, Stone, Talmadge, Weicker, Williams and Zorinsky.

Not voting: Huddleston and Laxalt.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Cincinnati, Los Angeles tie with San Francisco for 1st in N.L. West

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP). — The Los Angeles Dodgers routed San Diego 8-1 and the Cincinnati Reds pounded Atlanta 10-0 last night to move into a first-place tie with the San Francisco atop the National League West.

In the N.L.'s only other game Monday, Montreal beat Pittsburgh 5-2.

In early American League play, Minnesota beat Texas 2-0 and Boston trimmed Toronto 5-4.

Manny Mota's tie-breaking three-run pinch double and Vic Davalillo's two-run single highlighted the Dodgers' seven-run eighth inning. The 40-year-old Mota batted for winner Don Sutton, 4-4, and doubled to left off Bob Ojeda.

Key Griffey's two-run homer and Ray Knight's three-run shot and the combined shutout pitching of Bill Bonham, 5-0, and Pedro Borbon carried the Reds past the Braves.

Steve Rogers pitched 71-3 innings of no-hit ball before Rennie Stennett singled and wound up teaming with reliever Darold Knowles on a five-hitter as Montreal ended a four-game losing streak with a 5-2 victory over Pittsburgh.

Geoff Zahn and Mike Marshall combined to stop Texas on seven hits, Marshall getting his fourth save in a week, and Minnesota got RBI grounders from Dan Ford and Butch Wynegar to beat the

Rangers. Jim Rice's two-run homer in the first inning and Carl Yastrzemski's three-run shot in the eighth carried the Boston Red Sox past Toronto 5-4, overshadowing John Mayberry's pair of homer for the Blue Jays. Larry Milbourne drove in two runs with a second-inning triple. Bruce Bochte homered and Tom House scattered nine hits as Seattle trounced Kansas City 10-1 in a late A.L. game.

Major league baseball results and standings after Monday's games:

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|-------|
| EAST: | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Philadelphia | 19 | 16 | .543 | — |
| Chicago | 19 | 17 | .528 | 1 1/2 |
| Montreal | 19 | 19 | .500 | 1 1/2 |
| Pittsburgh | 17 | 20 | .459 | 3 |
| New York | 18 | 22 | .450 | 3 1/2 |
| St. Louis | 14 | 25 | .359 | 7 |
| WEST: | | | | |
| San Francisco | 23 | 14 | .622 | — |
| Los Angeles | 24 | 15 | .615 | — |
| Cincinnati | 25 | 16 | .610 | — |
| Houston | 18 | 18 | .500 | 4 1/2 |
| San Diego | 17 | 22 | .436 | 7 |
| Atlanta | 14 | 23 | .378 | 9 |

Monday's games: Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 2; Cincinnati 10, Atlanta 0; Los Angeles 8, San Diego 1.

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|------|--------|
| EAST: | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Detroit | 23 | 12 | .657 | — |
| Boston | 26 | 14 | .650 | — |
| New York | 23 | 14 | .622 | 1 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 18 | 19 | .486 | 6 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 18 | 19 | .486 | 6 1/2 |
| Baltimore | 16 | 21 | .432 | 8 1/2 |
| Toronto | 14 | 24 | .368 | 11 |
| WEST: | | | | |
| Oakland | 24 | 15 | .615 | — |
| California | 21 | 16 | .568 | 2 |
| Kansas City | 19 | 18 | .514 | 4 |
| Texas | 19 | 18 | .514 | 4 |
| Minnesota | 18 | 24 | .430 | 8 1/2 |
| Seattle | 15 | 27 | .357 | 10 1/2 |
| Chicago | 12 | 23 | .343 | 10 1/2 |

Monday's games: Minnesota 2, Texas 0; Boston 5, Toronto 4; Montreal 5, Pittsburgh 2; Seattle 10, Kansas City 1.

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| | U.S. dollars |
|------------------|---------------|
| One sterling | 1.8100/15 |
| One dollar | 2.1310/25 |
| Dutch guilders | 2.2770/80 |
| Swiss francs | 1.9710/25 |
| Belgian francs | 33.27/32 |
| French francs | 4.6750/80 |
| Italian lire | 872.40/80 |
| Japanese yen | 228.85/229.00 |
| Swedish crowns | 4.6720/35 |
| Norwegian crowns | 5.4715/35 |
| Danish crowns | 5.7230/50 |

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed quietly firm Tuesday and at 15:00 the F.T. index was up 2.4 at 471.2.

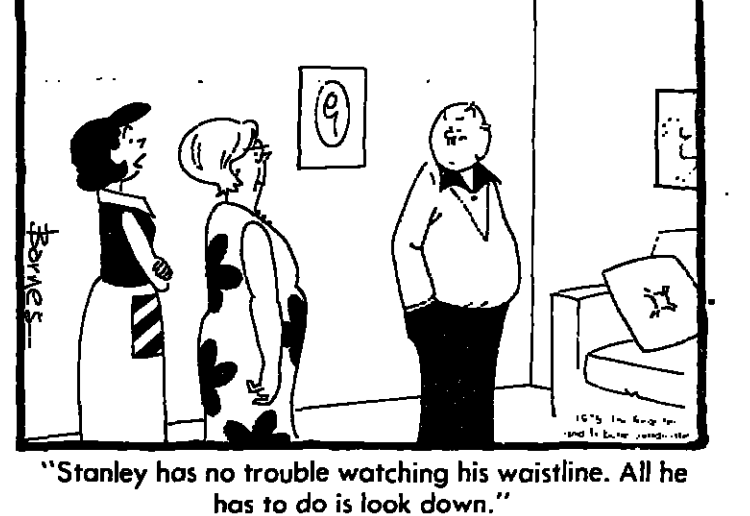
Government bonds were active, gaining up to 1/2 point initially after the government broker activated the long 'tap' stock and reduced his price for the issue by 1-1/2 'sts' to 63-1/2 'sts'. During the afternoon session, however, gains were pared by around 1/8 as sterling eased, dealers said.

Equities were higher, though below the day's best levels. U.S. stock and Canadian firms but gold shares were dull despite a higher bullion price.

Oils were generally higher partially helped by Wall Street sentiment. Industrial leaders averaged rises of a penny to 3p but banks advanced 5p or 6p.

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♥ A 10 6 2
♦ A 8
♣ K 9 8 4 3

EAST
♠ K Q 9
♥ J 7 3
♦ K Q J 3 2
♣ 10 9 7 6 5

SOUTH
♠ J 10 8 7 6 3 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 4
♣ A J 5

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠ 2 ♠
Pass 2NT Pass 3 ♠
Pass 4NT Pass Pass
Opening lead: King of ♠.

Life is complicated enough without our adding to the complexities. South failed to find the simple way out of his predicament and it cost him his vulnerable game.

North had a difficult decision to make after West opened the bidding in front of him, and the club overcall was a reasonable solution, even though the suit was rather weak. Thereafter, the bidding proceeded smoothly to an excellent contract of four spades.

West made his natural lead of the top of his diamond sequence. Declarer won the ace and, since the contract would have been assured if the spades were 2-2 or if either defender

held a singleton honor, he continued with ace and another spade. East won the queen and found the heart shift.

Declarer took the ace of hearts and now he had to rely on the club finesse for his contract. When that failed, the defenders took a trick in each major suit for a 5-2 club split.

The fates had indeed dealt harshly with South—it required a lot of bad luck for his line to fail. We would commiserate with him except for the fact that all he needed to land his contract was a 5-2 club split.

Declarer failed to realize that he could afford to lose two trump tricks and a club as long as he controlled the heart suit. We suggest that, after winning the ace of diamonds, declarer should first cash the ace of trumps to see if either defender has a singleton honor. When no high trump drops, declarer should abandon trumps and go after clubs.

To protect against the possibility that East has a singleton club, correct technique is to cash the king of clubs and then lead a club toward the ace-jack. When East follows, declarer rises with the ace. When West also shows in, the contract is assured.

Declarer simply concedes a club to West's queen. West can shift to a heart, but declarer flies up with the ace and leads a good club. Whether or not East ruffs, declarer discards his heart loser and loses only three tricks in the black suits.

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TCH! TCH! THAT'S NO WAY TO GO ON, PET. AFTER ALL, SHE IS YOUR MOTHER.

COME IN, MISSUS, BUT KEEP IT SHORT AN' SOUR.

MUTT & JEFF

JEFF, WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

I'M TAKING A PIG UP TO MY ROOM!

A PIG? ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?

NO, WHY?

IT'S NOT SANITARY TO KEEP A PIG IN OUR HOUSE!

OH, DON'T WORRY, MRS. MUTT! I AIN'T LOST A PIG YET!

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HMM-M...

O.K.—PUT ME DOWN FOR 48% YES, 37% NO, AND 15% NO OPINION!

Brzezinski tells Fukuda

U.S. intends to strengthen its relations with China

TOKYO, May 23 (AP). — Zbigniew Brzezinski, U.S. President Jimmy Carter's National Security Adviser, told Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda today the United States "intends to strengthen its ties and pursue normalisation of relations with China within the framework of the Shanghai Communiqué."

Mr. Brzezinski conferred with Mr. Fukuda after a three-day visit to Tokyo. In the Shanghai Communiqué, signed by President Nixon and the late Premier Chou En-lai in 1972, the United States and China agreed to diplomatic relations. A U.S. Embassy spokesman said Mr. Brzezinski told Mr.

Fukuda the talks with Communist Party Chairman Hua Guofeng, Deputy Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping and Foreign Minister Huang Hua were "useful, important and constructive."

Mr. Fukuda briefed Mr. Brzezinski on the state of Japan-China relations and the prospect of conclusion of a Sino-

Japanese peace treaty. Japanese newspapers reported today Mr. Fukuda intends to re-open stalled negotiations on the treaty next week. He has been held up by an inability to reach a consensus within the government Liberal Democratic Party. Party executives have been ordered to reach an agree-

ment by next Friday. Pro-Taiwan, anti-Peking politicians within Mr. Fukuda's own party faction are holding out against the treaty, which they say will strain relations with the Soviet Union. Moscow objects to the inclusion in the treaty of an anti-hegemony clause which it is generally agreed, is aimed at possible Soviet expansion in Asia.

Mr. Fukuda was reported to have been told by Mr. Carter during their Washington meeting earlier this month that he had no objection to the clause and saw no reason why it should hold up conclusion of the treaty. Mr. Brzezinski, who leaves Wednesday for an overnight briefing trip to Seoul, was accompanied to the Fukuda talks in the prime minister's official residence by Richard Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary of State for Far East Affairs and Ambassador Mike Mansfield. Foreign Minister Sunao Sonoda, Kiichi Miyazawa, Director-General of the Economic Planning Agency, and Chief Cabinet Secretary Shinzaro Abe were among those present on the Japanese side.

Queen Elizabeth II, Germany's Genscher discuss German division

BONN, West Germany, May 22 (AP). — Queen Elizabeth II of Britain, on a five-day state visit to West Germany, met with Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher today before awarding prizes to Bonn University's best English students.

"Minister Genscher reported to the Queen about the situation in divided Germany and emphasised the human problems which have arisen by the division," a Foreign Ministry statement said.

Also at the meeting were Foreign Secretary David Owen, who had previously met Herr Genscher for political talks. Herr Genscher "thanked her majesty for the decision to include Berlin in her itinerary," the statement said.

The monarch was to have lunch with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt before taking a special train to Mainz where she was to be the first official guest to view a Gutenberg Bible the city obtained at an auction in New York earlier this month.

She was to fly to Berlin from Bonn on Wednesday.

About 150 die in Indian heatwave

NEW DELHI, May 23, (R). — At least 150 people have died in a searing heatwave that has gripped the plains of India for the past two weeks with temperatures averaging 45 degrees Centigrade (113 degrees Fahrenheit).

Reports from the northeastern states of Bihar said the death toll there had risen to 46 with the deaths of 10 more sunstroke victims in the past two days. In some parts of the state the temperature soared to 47 degrees Centigrade (116.6 degrees Fahrenheit).

Lima is put under curfew following day of violent rioting

LIMA, May 23 (R). — The Peruvian capital was clamped under an overnight curfew today by the military government after a day of rioting in which police said two people were killed and several injured.

Earlier reports said at least five people were believed to have died in violence yesterday during the first day of a two-day general strike called by unions in protest against a tough austerity package announced by the government. Eye-witnesses said last night they saw six people hit when police opened fire on demonstrators on the road leading to Lima Airport. The eye-witnesses said at least three of the demonstrators shot had been mortally wounded.

But there was no official confirmation today of any deaths in clashes in Lima. Two people died in violence in the Andean city of Huancavelica, 450 kms. south-east of here, police sources said there last night.

In Huancavelica, the only provincial city hit by violence, bomb attacks were made on the jail and the power company. The city was without electricity all day following

the attacks.

A policeman was seriously wounded in the trouble, Lima, paralysed in what was regarded as the most serious challenge to President Francisco Morales Bermudez since he took power nearly three years ago, was the scene of violent clashes between stone-throwing mobs and paramilitary civil guards. As violence flared in the shantytowns surrounding the capital and the city echoed to the rattle of sporadic machine-gun fire, the government ordered a country-wide curfew.

Today Lima and nearby Callao Port were under a curfew running from midnight to 5 a.m.

The general strike followed a week of rioting in provincial cities in which 12 people were killed. The violence started last Monday when the government announced austerity measures which sent the price of staples such as bread, milk and cooking oil soaring by an average 50 per cent.

A state of emergency has been announced and campaigning for elections to a constituent assembly next month has been suspended.

Heartiest congratulations On the Impending Royal Wedding

National Construction Company (Pakistan) Limited, offers its heartiest congratulations and the very best wishes to His Majesty King Hussein on his impending Royal wedding to Miss Noor Halaby.

We also pray that the Royal Couple may enjoy the choicest of blessings bestowed by the Almighty and that under their Royal patronage and stewardship the Jordanian Nation and country may experience unprecedented prosperity progress and happiness.

We equally share the joy of our Jordanian brethren on this auspicious occasion and look forward to a truly prosperous and happy future for them.

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Charlie Chaplin's body is reburied

CORSIER-SUR-VEVEY, Switzerland, May 23 (R). — The body of comedian Charlie Chaplin was reburied here today in a concrete lined tomb.

Only lady Oona Chaplin, 51, and a few members of the family were present at the private graveside ceremony in the tiny cemetery at Corsier-Sur-VEVEY where the British-born screen comic died last Christmas Day, aged 88.

The coffin was buried in the same plot from which thieves dug it up on the night of last March 1. But the bottom and sides of the tomb were lined with concrete, and a concrete slab lowered on top, before grave-diggers filled in the earth.

Police retrieved the coffin last Wednesday from a corn field about 20 kms. from the cemetery. They said they had been directed to the spot by two East European refugees, a 24-year-old Pole and a 38-

year-old Bulgarian, who they arrested the previous day in Lausanne.

Police said the men admitted stealing the body and hiding it in the field. They will be charged with attempted extortion and disturbing the peace of the dead, police said.

Berkowitz goes berserk at sentence hearing

NEW YORK, May 23 (R). — Confessed "Son of Sam" killer David Berkowitz, who told a psychiatrist he had special plans for the day, went berserk in court yesterday and forced a postponement of his sentencing.

Berkowitz who, terrorised New York for a year as he killed six people and injured seven, forced the three judges to order further psychiatric checks on him after an astonishing emotional outburst.

His eyes bulging, the baby-faced former postal worker chanted that one of his victims was a whore and then

screamed wildly at the audience which included relatives of people he had killed and survivors of the attacks.

He began a sing-song chant of "Stacy was a whore, Stacy was a whore." Stacy Moskowitz, 20, was the last victim of "Son of Sam".

Berkowitz fixed his gaze on Stacy's mother as she called him "an animal". He shouted back, "I'll kill her, I'll kill them all."

Then he was dragged by court guards into a hallway and back to the prison psychiatric wing of a Brooklyn hospital where he is being held.

Narita Airport begins full-scale operations but is short of fuel

NARITA, Japan, May 23 (R). — Tokyo's controversial new airport, still besieged by hundreds of radical opponents, began full-scale international services today -- but was reported running short of aviation fuel.

Airport sources said the newly-opened airport must get a fuel shipment within the next three or four days or stop operating.

After a weekend of violent protests against the opening, thousands of riot police were guarding the \$2.6 billion airport from radicals holed up in fortresses round the perimeter.

Fuel must be brought in by tanker trains because local residents have stopped construction of a pipeline for fear of an explosion caused by radicals or an accident.

But the local branch of the Locomotive Engineers Union says it will not man fuel trains which the national railways want to run from tomorrow, until safety measures are improved.

Radicals in the past have burned trains and blocked the lines to the airport. Airport sources said the two sides were trying to negotiate a solution to keep the airlines flying.

In March, trains brought in enough fuel for five days operation at the airport, which opened on Sunday. Further deliveries were stopped for security reasons.

The government today announced plans to create a crack force of 1,500 special police to guard the airport full-time.

Police reported they found beer cases containing 375 fire bombs in a forest five kms. from Narita.

Nearly 150 daily flights of the world's major airlines are due to use the airport. The

old Haneda Airport next to Tokyo Bay will handle domestic services.

A leading English-language newspaper criticised the government today for opening Narita under conditions which it said were extraordinary, if not dangerous.

Quinn to play Onassis in The Greek Tycoon

NEW YORK, May 23 (R). — Actor Anthony Quinn nearly gave in to repeated requests by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis not to play a film part modelled on her late husband Aristotle Onassis -- but he changed his mind when she snubbed him, he said in an article published yesterday.

In the article in the Ladies' Home Journal, Mr. Quinn also said he met the late Greek shipping tycoon when Mr. Onassis learned that he might play him in a film.

The actor, cast with Jacqueline Bisset in The Greek Tycoon, said Mr. Onassis told him at the 1974 Paris meeting: "Tony, promise me one thing. If anybody does do me in a film, you will do it... because you'll be nice to me."

Mr. Quinn, who previously had met Mrs. Onassis, said he was asked by her representatives not to make the film and was seriously considering honouring her request because he did not "want to hurt that woman who's lost two husbands..."

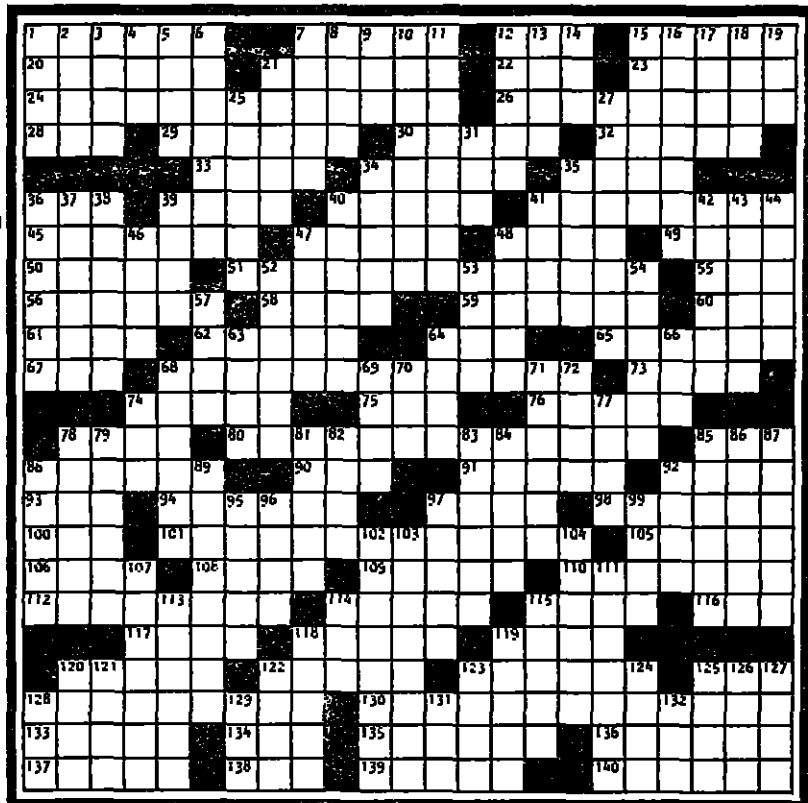
But, at a restaurant in Cannes, France, Mrs. Onassis passed him by as if she had never met him.

THE Sunday Crossword

(Formerly The New York Herald Tribune Crossword)
Edited by Herb Ettenson

BANNER NEWS
By A.B. Candling

- ACROSS
- Office workers
 - Drinking bouts
 - Kitchen films
 - Irish port
 - Bookkeeping item
 - Men's abbr.
 - Bird
 - Nearly all
 - To laugh: Fr.
 - Package
 - Sept. 1, 1867
 - March 6, 1926
 - Call
 - Part of a holiday date
 - Not all
 - Drop
 - Baseball team
 - Chocolate tree
 - Take - (doze)
- DOWN
- Walls
 - Bona fide
 - European island
 - Nesther's partner
 - King of Norway
 - Aides in duels
 - Usual
 - Promise
 - Danube
 - Youth
 - Vamps
 - Great Greek
 - Grassy
 - Afternoon social



- DOWN
- Large snakes
 - Measuring
 - Thick
 - Trueheart
 - Plane
 - Years
 - Sedates
 - Tammy
 - Use a shrub
 - Desert
 - Beast
 - Usher's
 - Malibu
 - Asparagus
- ACROSS
- Shopping place
 - Delta of song
 - Cereal
 - Slowed
 - Flth
 - May 31, 1873
 - Band
 - Nearly all
 - To laugh: Fr.
 - Package
 - Sept. 1, 1867
 - March 6, 1926
 - Call
 - Part of a holiday date
 - Not all
 - Drop
 - Baseball team
 - Chocolate tree
 - Take - (doze)

- DOWN
- Ark landing place
 - Public
 - Island
 - Feels sorry for
 - Chowderhead
 - Mature
 - Trying
 - Miles of
 - Guerrilla
 - Teacher
 - "Three - a"
 - Horde
 - Learn
- ACROSS
- Snare
 - Follow
 - Land area: abbr.
 - Smug
 - Retreat
 - Offering
 - Overcast
 - Rejoice
 - Urga
 - Zone and
 - Utter aloud
 - Hop
 - Part of the Greek scene

- CRYPTOGRAMS
- JZL LZYW LJN QTZK JK JXM LZYTN'W
 - QZNT XZKM
 - CNYQSN LAQUB-DU DL BON
 - CRUOVRTA-GUBBY CUYA CUSART BUTTERY
 - CUBR-OTZERY QTERGX EI BUXE CEIRY
 - SEOV GEIR QUOXOR
 - ARCLIGHTS LESRITU NEICLUP SHUP
 - PRACUM NEMSHU

1. Toad says the dripping smog makes him feel like one soggy frog.

2. The bloke in the black cloak croaked, "Whose brick cracked and broke this window?"

3. Laughing porpoise dunked fresh kid half on purpose.

4. Can the few couples who are parking too long keep a stiff upper lip?

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JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

YOOTs

BYGAG

STELED

DALINS

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A PUPPY SWALLOWS A FRANKFURTER?

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

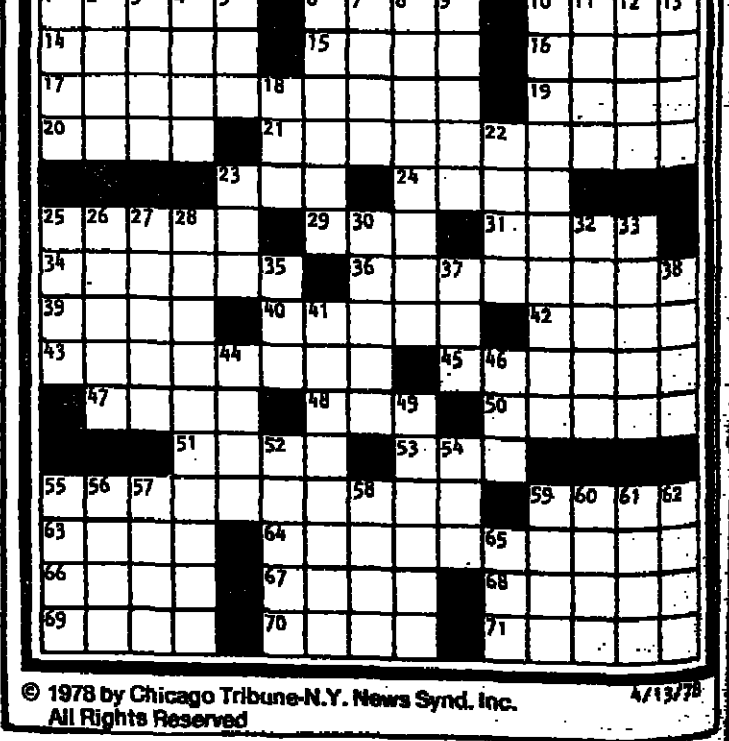
Answer here: IT'S

Answers tomorrow

THE Daily Crossword by Raymond F. Eisner

- ACROSS
- Stockpile
 - Pointed rod
 - Spanish muralist
 - Fracture
 - Prong
 - Mates no longer
 - Maugham play
 - Nothing: Fr.
 - Caribbean combs
 - West or Murray
 - Stinging remark
 - Legal defense
- DOWN
- Pesticide
 - Per
 - Tibaldi
 - Gathered together
 - Abbr. after some verse
 - Coin of old Italy
 - Greek community
 - Dyed kerchiefs: var.
 - Hasty house
 - Stitched
 - Allow
 - NOCO
 - Water: Sp.
 - Previous to
 - Ring

- DOWN
- Maple genus
 - Skirt style
 - Court's
 - Arthur
 - Astound
 - Sound of escaping steam
 - Declared
 - Soap scent
 - Owning money
 - Inventor
 - Nikola
 - Stately
 - Changes: var.
 - Ardor
 - Incur
 - Hamilton
 - Youth org.
 - Soft resin
 - School



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